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**STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO  
THE DUTY OF DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98**

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Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

**PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97**

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed more than three (3) months after the filing date of this application and after the mailing date of the first Office Action, but before the mailing date of either a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113 or a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in this application. The fee of 180.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is enclosed.

**PART II: Patent Term Adjustment**

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PART III: Remarks

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B. The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references. Documents cited on the attached forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO/SB/08A be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
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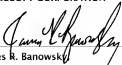
Notwithstanding any statement by the Applicant, the Applicant urges the Examiner to form his own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information. An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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